

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. A method, comprising:
2 receiving a request to initiate a session;
3 determining whether the session should be initiated with addressing information
4 provided by a client; and
5 initiating the session with trusted addressing information corresponding to the
6 client, in response to determining that the session should not be initiated with the
7 addressing information provided by the client.

1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein receiving the request, determining
2 whether the session should be initiated, and initiating the session are performed by a
3 storage manager implemented in a server from which the client is separated by a firewall.

1 3. The method of claim 2, wherein the firewall prevents the client from
2 initiating the session with the server.

1 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the request indicates to a server that the
2 client is ready to perform a task, and that the server should initiate the session with the
3 client.

1 5. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2 receiving the trusted addressing information corresponding to the client from a
3 trusted administrative client, prior to receiving the request to initiate the session.

1 6. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2 initiating the session with the addressing information provided by the client, in
3 response to determining that the session should be initiated with the addressing
4 information provided by the client.

1 7. The method of claim 1, wherein the trusted addressing information is
2 stored in a data structure, wherein the data structure includes for a plurality of clients
3 whether each client of the plurality of clients is allowed to initiate sessions with client
4 provided addressing information.

1 8. The method of claim 1, wherein the trusted addressing information
2 includes the Internet Protocol Address of the client.

1 9. The method of claim 1, wherein a firewall prevents the client from
2 initiating the session with a server, and wherein the server is required to allow access to
3 the client across the firewall.

1 10. A system capable of communicating with a client, the system comprising:
2 a server coupled to the client;
3 means for receiving a request to initiate a session with the server;
4 means for determining whether the session should be initiated from the server to
5 the client with addressing information provided by the client; and
6 means for initiating the session with trusted addressing information corresponding
7 to the client, in response to determining that the session should not be initiated with the
8 addressing information provided by the client.

1 11. The system of claim 10, further comprising:
2 a storage manager implemented in the server, wherein the means for receiving the
3 request, the means for determining whether the session should be initiated, and the means
4 for initiating the session are implemented in the storage manager; and
5 a firewall, wherein the client is separated by the firewall from the server.

1 12. The system of claim 11, wherein the firewall prevents the client from
2 initiating the session with the server.

1 13. The system of claim 10, wherein the request indicates to the server that the
2 client is ready to perform a task, and that the server should initiate the session with the
3 client.

1 14. The system of claim 10, further comprising:
2 a trusted administrative client coupled to the server;
3 means for receiving the trusted addressing information corresponding to the client
4 from the trusted administrative client, prior to receiving the request to initiate the session.

1 15. The system of claim 10, further comprising:
2 initiating the session with the addressing information provided by the client, in
3 response to determining that the session should be initiated with the addressing
4 information provided by the client.

1 16. The system of claim 10, wherein the trusted addressing information is
2 stored in a data structure, wherein the data structure includes for a plurality of clients
3 whether each client of the plurality of clients is allowed to initiate sessions with client
4 provided addressing information.

1 17. The system of claim 10, wherein the trusted addressing information
2 includes the Internet Protocol Address of the client.

1 18. The system of claim 10, further comprising a firewall, wherein the
2 firewall prevents the client from initiating the session with the server, and wherein the
3 server is required to allow access to the client across the firewall.

1 19. An article of manufacture, wherein the article of manufacture is capable of
2 causing operations, the operations comprising:
3 receiving a request to initiate a session;

4 determining whether the session should be initiated with addressing information
5 provided by a client; and
6 initiating the session with trusted addressing information corresponding to the
7 client, in response to determining that the session should not be initiated with the
8 addressing information provided by the client.

1 20. The article of manufacture of claim 19, wherein receiving the request,
2 determining whether the session should be initiated, and initiating the session are
3 performed by a storage manager implemented in a server from which the client is
4 separated by a firewall.

1 21. The article of manufacture of claim 20, wherein the firewall prevents the
2 client from initiating the session with the server.

1 22. The article of manufacture of claim 19, wherein the request indicates to a
2 server that the client is ready to perform a task, and that the server should initiate the
3 session with the client.

1 23. The article of manufacture of claim 19, the operations further comprising:
2 receiving the trusted addressing information corresponding to the client from a
3 trusted administrative client, prior to receiving the request to initiate the session.

1 24. The article of manufacture of claim 19, the operations further
2 comprising:
3 initiating the session with the addressing information provided by the client, in
4 response to determining that the session should be initiated with the addressing
5 information provided by the client.

1 25. The article of manufacture of claim 19, wherein the trusted addressing
2 information is stored in a data structure, wherein the data structure includes for a
3 plurality of clients whether each client of the plurality of clients is allowed to initiate
4 sessions with client provided addressing information.

1 26. The article of manufacture of claim 19, wherein the trusted addressing
2 information includes the Internet Protocol Address of the client.

1 27. The article of manufacture of claim 19, wherein a firewall prevents the
2 client from initiating the session with a server, and wherein the server is required to allow
3 access to the client across the firewall.